

Recycle, don't landfill holiday decorations

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The Environmental Services Department reminds community members to recycle their old holiday trees and lights instead of sending them to the landfill.

The Humboldt Waste Management Authority is encouraging residents to recycle their holiday trees so they may be processed into mulch or compost. To

prepare trees for recycling, all decorations, including ornaments, hooks, garland, tinsel and lights must be removed, and flocked trees may not be recycled.

Arcata residents have several holiday tree recycling options, including:

Curbside collection

- Recology customers who have opted-in for yard waste collection may leave their holiday tree alongside their yard waste bin on regular collection days. Recology customers who have not opted-in for yard waste

collection may give Recology a call at (707) 442-5711 to schedule a tree pickup for a small fee.

- The Arcata High School Track Team is offering curbside pick ups for \$15 with funds benefiting the team. Please call (707) 822-8325 to make arrangements.

Drop-off locations

- Wes Green Landscape Materials offers free holiday tree drop-offs through Saturday, Jan. 16. Their standard fee will apply to all holiday trees dropped off after Jan. 16. They are located at 6360 West End Rd. in Arcata. Call (707) 822-8035 for more information.

- Humboldt Waste Management Authority's Transfer Station offers free holiday tree drop-offs through Sunday, Jan. 10. Commercial trees do not apply. The Transfer Station is located at 1059 West Hawthorne

St. in Eureka. Call (707) 268-8680 for more information.

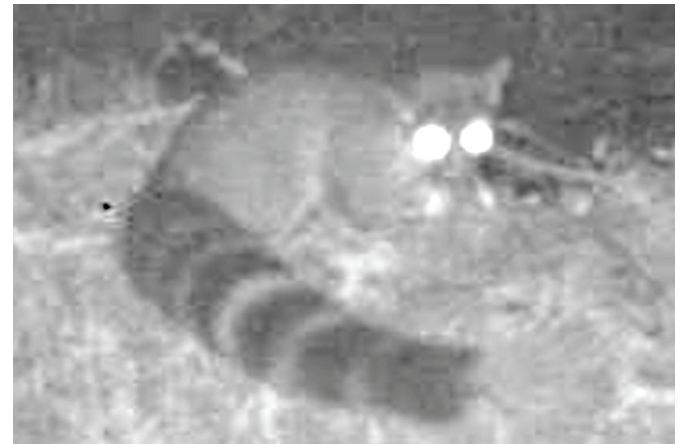
Options to recycle broken, old or outdated incandescent and LED holiday lights are unavailable locally. Community members who would like to recycle their holiday lights have the option to box up and mail old lights to any of the addresses below:

- Christmas Light Source Recycling Program, 4313 Elmwood Drive, Benbrook, Texas, 76116

- Holiday LEDS Recycling, 2300 South 170th St., New Berlin, Wisconsin, 53151

- Environmental LED at The LED Warehouse, Attn: Christmas Light Recycling, 109 East Prairie Street, Vicksburg, Mich., 49097

For more helpful zero waste tips, visit cityofarcata.org or call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.



VULNERABLE A Nocturnal Ring-Tailed Cat in the Arcata Community Forest Sunny Brae Tract. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

Night forest biking not good for wild animals

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The City of Arcata would like to remind the community that the Arcata Community Forest is closed to the public from sunset to sunrise, per Arcata Municipal Code Section 10006.

One of the main reasons the Arcata Community Forest is closed after dark is to give local wildlife a break from human interactions.

Recently, the city has found that occurrences of mountain biking after dark, commonly known as “night riding,” have increased in the Arcata Community Forest.

This activity is not allowed as it disrupts the natural balance between animals living in the forest who are active by day and at night.

Night riding has been found to startle nocturnal wildlife and other animals that have adapted to be more active at night in order to avoid daytime human interaction.

It intensifies the pressure animals experience from human daytime recreational activities by reducing the time they have for foraging, feeding and

breeding, and it can disrupt predator/prey relationships.

The Arcata Community Forest is a wonderful place for residents and visitors to recreate, and the City of Arcata strives to create a balance for public recreation and environmental conservation.

Community members are urged to follow the regulations by enjoying the forest in the daytime and leaving it to the wild creatures at night.

For more information, call (707) 822-8184.

Compliance

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ficer who is managing the call given the totality of the circumstances,” Ahearn said. “We have yet to cite someone for 120295 of the Health and Safety code but will do so in order to protect the health and welfare of community members in Arcata.”

APD, he said, will appeal to reason before getting out citation books.

“Public safety remains our top priority,” Ahearn said. “We balance that with education; especially considering the devastating impact this virus has had on people’s lives. The last thing we want to utilize is enforcement if educating someone on the law and providing them a mask will accomplish the goal.”

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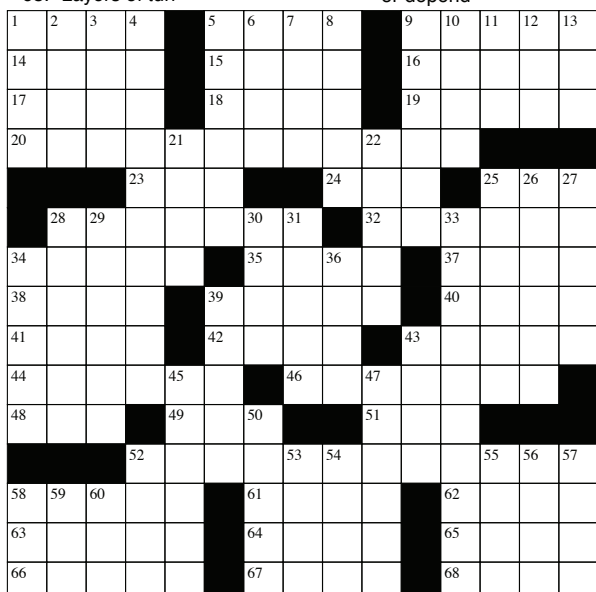
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ACROSS

- Extend across
- Sassy one
- Lacking freshness
- Capital city
- Gambler's destination
- Blanket
- Tiny particle
- Vane direction
- Della
- Fancy desserts
- Piece of cookware
- High-pitched bark
- Refreshing spot
- Hotel employee
- A, B or C
- FDR's mom and others
- Hair division
- River in Italy
- Run
- Transparent pieces
- Brooches
- Word with nurse's or teacher's
- Archaic, archaically
- Shelter made of animal pelts
- Company
- Counseled
- M and M
- Suffix for old, bold or cold
- Crawling insect
- "How are you?" and "Isn't the weather lovely!"
- Paragon
- Outer coat
- Like a leaky pen
- Spear
- Icelandic literature
- Place with many trees
- Go into
- Whiskered animal
- Layers of turf

DOWN

- Bacon portion
- Middle East bread
- Run ___; go wild
- Identifying markers
- Out of ___; exhausted
- Artificial's opposite
- Handle
- Hotsy-___
- Skin, as one's knee
- Digits
- "___ Maria"
- Man's nickname
- Prior to
- Paper money: abbr.
- Brae apparel
- 1 of 13 on Old Glory
- Wrote
- Got out of bed
- Silver-white element
- Wears away
- Semiprecious stone
- Black-and-white creature
- Wall hangings
- Word after up or back
- Clarinet, for one
- Sheriff's team
- Do a beautician's job
- Check cashier
- Destructive one
- Weight allowances
- ___ oneself; work steadily
- 1 of 8 on an octagon
- "___ partridge in a pear tree."
- Of an Asian nation: pref.
- ___ out a living; got by
- Wee, tiny and minute: abbr.
- ___ de France
- Rather, for one
- Ending for absorb or depend



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HUMBOLDT – The first round of applications for the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program is now open.

On Nov. 30, 2020, Governor Newsom and the State Legislature announced the allocation of \$500 million available to small businesses and nonprofits that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is administered by California’s Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA), part of the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz).

Grants will not be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be awarded after the close of each application round. This first round of applications ends Jan. 8, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

The California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program provides grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Lendistry has been designated by the State to act as the intermediary for the program to disburse the grant funds.

The program will prioritize distribution based on priority key fac-

tors, including the following:

- Geographic distribution based on COVID-19 health and safety restrictions following California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, county status and the new Regional Stay-at-Home Order which can be found at covid19.ca.gov.
- Industry sectors most impacted by the pandemic
- Underserved small business groups served by the state supported network of small business centers (i.e., businesses majority owned and run on a daily basis by women, minorities/persons of color, veterans and businesses located in low-to-moderate income and rural communities)
- Mission-based lenders and small business advisory and technical assistance providers can help small businesses with the application process in multiple languages and formats. Many of the State supported small business centers, which prioritize the expansion of technical assistance to underserved business groups, are also available to help.

For more information on grant requirements and eligibility, please visit carelifegrant.com.

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Water District (HBMWD) in June about connecting to its system.

The HBMWD is the wholesale water supplier to McKinleyville, Arcata, Eureka, Blue Lake, Glendale, Fieldbrook, Manila and an unincorporated area outside Eureka.

In December, HBMWD General Manager John Friedenbach wrote a letter to the MCSD asking whether it would be willing the participate in the study.

McKinleyville’s northernmost water line is located in the Woody Road area of Dow’s Prairie.

“MCSD’s Service Area Boundaries end at Dow’s Prairie to the north, so we could not sell water directly to the Rancheria without approval from LAFCo [Local Agency Formation Commission] to revise our Service Area Boundaries,” states a staff report from MCSD Manager Patrick Kaspari to the MCSD board. “However, HBMWD could likely utilize MCSD’s system for ‘wheeling’ water to the Rancheria. The MCSD system would then basically serve as an extension of the HBMWD distribution system. A waterline would still have to be constructed from the north end of the MCSD system to the Rancheria, but the use of the MCSD system would eliminate the need to construct a line from the HBMWD system in Arcata to the Rancheria. If this alternative is deemed feasible, the retail water contract would be between HBMWD and the Rancheria; however, there would also need to be a contract between HBMWD and MCSD to recoup our costs for the use of our system.”

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boldt County.

There was a can-do attitude about limiting further spread. The county’s Health Officer, Dr. Teresa Frankovich, said that the new virus posed “very low risk” to the county.

Pandemic declared

As the end of the month approached, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, met two out of three criteria for pandemic status – serious illness potentially leading to death and ongoing person to person transmission.

On March 11, the third one – worldwide spread – was finally confirmed and the WHO declared that a pandemic was underway.

A local emergency was issued the same day and at a March 11 press conference, Frankovich said that “although there is currently no evidence of local community transmission in our county, it will almost certainly occur.”

At that point, only one case had been confirmed in Humboldt County.

A virus bloom was feared and social interaction was described as a problem. In a first attempt at modifying social behavior, California Governor Gavin Newsom recommended cancelling gatherings of more than 250 people.

Infection trajectory quickened. By mid-March, California had seen about 450 cases and six deaths. “The pace of change in this event has been staggering,” Frankovich said at a March 19 press conference that announced a local shelter in place order.

A statewide shelter in place order was announced the next day. People were told to avoid each other, non-essential businesses were closed and leaving home was limited to essential activities.

COVID takes hold

A second local case of COVID-19 was confirmed on March 20. Elsewhere in the state and the country, disease spread spiked.

There were 52 COVID-19 cases by mid-April and preparations for an inevitable surge were underway.

At an April 14 Board of Supervisors meeting – the first conducted entirely online – Frankovich said testing capacity had to be expanded before the shelter in place order could be lifted.

But the lockdown was causing severe economic and social harm, and was increasingly seen as being untenable.

Various COVID-19 scenarios were presented during an April 23 livestreamed forum titled “The Economy, The Surge and What’s Next for Humboldt County.”

What’s next, said the officials at the forum, would be the phased easing of restrictions.

On May 8, a “soft reopening” began with non-essential retail businesses conducting sales at curbsides.

There were mixed reactions to the change. Some residents and business owners feared that it



FREEDOM OR FOOLISHNESS? Resistance to COVID-19 countermeasures cropped up at the Humboldt County Courthouse on April 29, when protesters cast disease suppression as a plot to steal their freedom. JACK DURHAM | UNION

would give the virus leverage. Some said the rules were unconstitutionally crushing the local economy.

Through April to the first week of May, most days saw no new local cases. With an apparent tapering of spread, there were protest events objecting to health-protective orders.

But at a May 7 press conference, Frankovich warned of coronavirus presence.

“We’re seeing low transmission, not none,” she said, asking that protesters be mindful of the need to shield older and physically compromised members of the community.

‘Roadmap to Reopening’

Revealed by expanded testing, cases upticked and there was alarm over a rate of two to five cases per day. By mid-May, the county’s total number rose to 77.

But the state’s “Roadmap to Reopening” allowed the county to further ease restrictions. An online business opening certification process launched and hundreds of businesses submitted reopening plans for indoor sales.

On May 17, the county saw its first COVID-19 death, of a 97-year-old woman under care at the Alder Bay Assisted Living facility in Eureka. During a May 19 update to the Board of Supervisors, Frankovich said other recently-logged cases stemmed from travel and gatherings.

Days later, two more elderly residents of the Alder Bay facility died of COVID-19. At month’s end, the county went over the 100-case mark and had a total of 13 hospitalizations.

“Preparing for the worst and hoping for the best,” is how county Sheriff Billy Honsal described the county’s approach to reopening during a May 28 media availability video.

Patience with restrictions was running short, their effects on children and family welfare highly concerning.

The governor’s office named June 12 as the earliest date that schools, day camps, bars and hotels could reopen. As the county considered it, Frankovich warned the Board of Supervisors that “We’re going to see more cases, we’re going to see more deaths, that’s just a part of moving forward with COVID.”

Mask backlash

New cases were trickling slowly by mid-June and the June 16 supervisors meeting featured a lively public comment session. Callers demanded a total lifting of the coun-

ty’s shelter in place order, threatened lawsuits and pushed back against the community’s increasing tendency to require mask-wearing.

Two days later, the state issued a mandatory masking order. Churches and a variety of businesses, including hotels and personal care services, were cleared to open by the county.

Higher-risk venues like gyms and bars remained under closure orders but some opened anyway. Frankovich asked “law enforcement to help” at a June 23 supervisors meeting.

But later that day, the state gave bars and gyms clearance to open if certified to do so.

As of June 27, the county had confirmed 129 cases of COVID-19, with nine cases confirmed in a single day that week. There had been 15 hospitalizations, some involving ICU care and ventilators.

Gatherings became a primary issue. Health officials continued to warn against them and in a media availability video, Deputy Health Officer Dr. Josh Ennis advised that “Humboldt County is very early in this, still – this is far from over.”

Frankovich referred to “exponential growth” of COVID-19 cases in parts of the state and warned that it could happen locally.

In the first week of July, the state put 19 counties on a “monitoring list” due to increases in cases and testing positivity rates, a designation that re-introduced restrictions on some businesses and activities. The county wasn’t on the list but confirmations of new cases climbed.

Summer spread

In mid-July, the state reeled back some of the business openings it previously green-lighted and county enforcement of a new public health order began.

Bars closed again and other businesses were ordered to move their operations outdoors. The state’s monitoring list swelled to include 31 counties.

Although Humboldt’s 14-day average number of cases per 100,000 people was at almost 26, which Frankovich described as being “clearly an increase,” the county remained off the list due to falling below the state’s testing positivity threshold of eight percent.

The county hit the 200-case mark on July 22 and that week, an Orange Alert designation brought the county to Level Three status, indicating “many cases with conditions for community spread, with many undetected cases likely.”

The next level up, a Red Alert,

meant reinstatement of restrictions.

But it was summertime and people were doing what the season encourages – gathering for outdoor and indoor parties, weddings and family events.

It gave coronavirus opportunity to spread and on July 23, Ennis warned that “we can certainly expect to see a lot more cases in the fall and winter.”

Seventy-eight new cases were logged in the first two weeks of August, the county’s testing positivity rate rose to six percent and the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases went beyond 300.

Color-coded

With spread suddenly intensifying, Frankovich advised Humboldt State University to suspend onsite fall semester instruction. The university’s president pushed back and in an email exchange, accused her of being “prejudicial” against incoming students.

Frankovich would later describe the exchange as “disheartening” but agreed to work with HSU on safely proceeding with the semester.

New cases dropped during the last week of August and an “entirely new approach” to state regulation was announced on Aug. 28.

The state system introduced color-coded tiers – yellow, orange, red and purple – from lowest to highest risk, with restrictions imposed accordingly.

The county’s risk status corresponded to the state’s orange tier, which allowed some indoor businesses to remain open “with modifications.”

Demands for full reopening continued and their intensity peaked during the public comment session of the September 1 supervisors meeting.

One caller told Frankovich, “I wish you’d just leave and a lot of people feel that way” and another told supervisors, “Remember – you are public servants, not dictators.”

The next day, Frankovich announced her resignation. Shifting into part-time support work, she said it was due to the work time impacts on her family life, not the backlash.

As wildfires burned to the south and east of the county, turning the skies blood orange, the county’s case rate came down from summertime peaks. Hospitalizations were rising, however, and Ennis said that “younger individuals” were among those being treated.

End of part 1. Next week: the fall surge and onset of vaccination.

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tiously” because “if virus data worsens or intensive care unit capacity for the Northern California region dips below 15 percent, the state would require some sectors to move outdoors or cease operating altogether.”

In a Dec. 31 media availability video, Hoffman was asked why he doesn’t exercise the state’s allowance of local authority to set more restrictive conditions.

Doing so is a “very strong” measure, Hoffman replied, adding that “it’s one that there isn’t much enthusiasm for right now in our community.”

But he added that some community members are self-choosing to restrict their behavior.

“We need buy-in if anything’s going to change,” he said. “So regardless of the tier that we’re in, there are things that we can do to keep our community safe.”

Those include deciding against inter-household gatherings and not reopening indoor activity at businesses and places of worship, he continued.

The county is continuing an initial round of COVID-19 vaccinations for health care and skilled nursing facility workers. But a new and more contagious strain of coronavirus that’s circulating widely in the U.K. caused infections in several U.S. states, including California, last week.

Although initial indications are that the variant strain won’t interfere with vaccine efficacy, its emergence has concerning implications.

Heightened contagiousness could quicken the volume and pace of COVID-19 case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths.

General vaccine availability isn’t expected until this spring or summer. Future emergence of a vaccine-resistant variant strain is possible but the two vaccines currently in use employ new mRNA biotechnology allowing readjustment if necessary.

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ident, former Humboldt County Public Health Officer Dr. Ann Lindsay, explained that Life Care Humboldt is seeking about 15 acres to build 116 units, which would be expanded to 210 units.

The organization wants to create a campus-like residential setting, with private residences, common social areas, open spaces for residents to enjoy nature and to farm. There would be a mix of townhouses and apartments, with varying levels of care, from independent living to full-care for people with memory problems. The mixed-income community would allow seniors to age in a community without having to move.

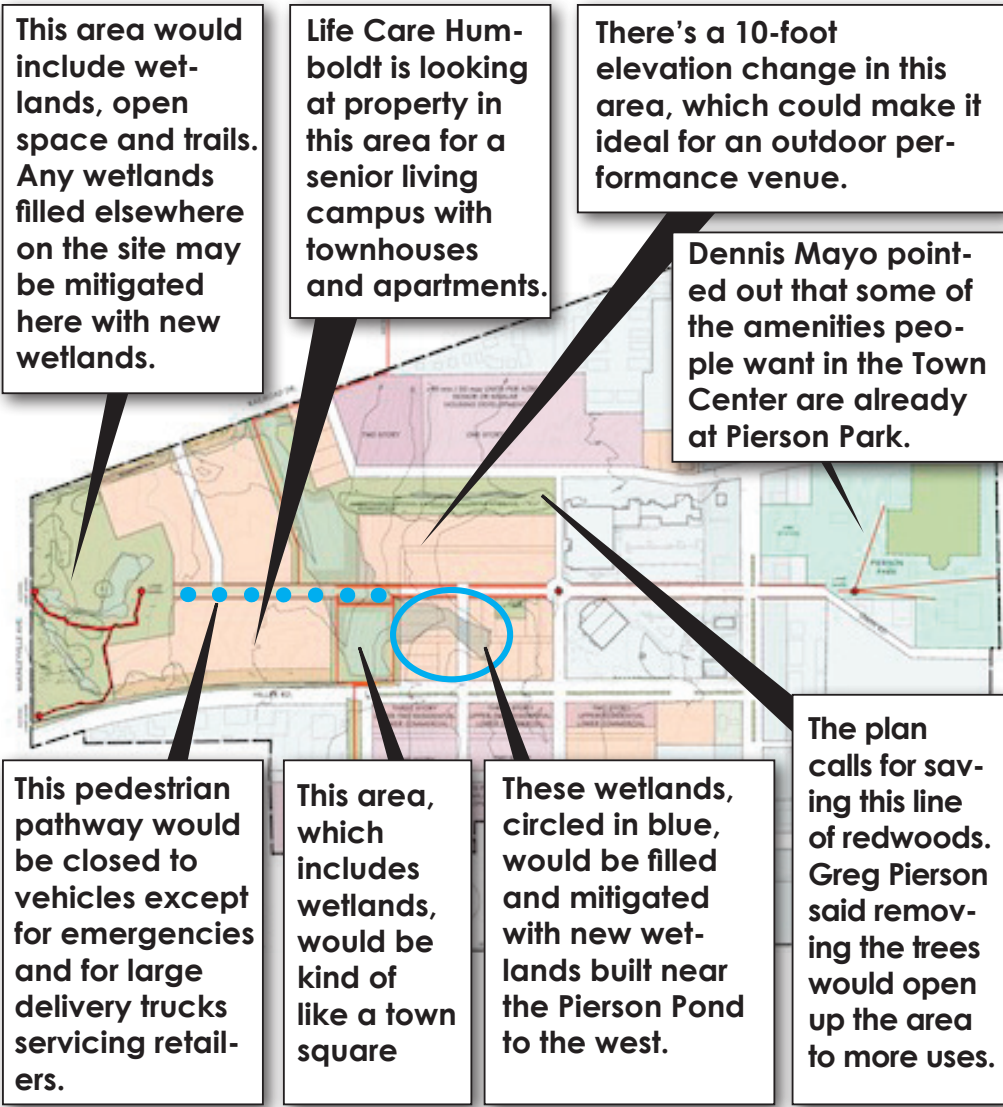
Life Care Humboldt is interested in property located behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center. Based on the conceptual design, the senior campus could potentially be located on the west end of the property, separated from McKinleyville Avenue by a large open space area with wetlands and trails.

Life Care hopes to develop a preliminary design this year and break ground in one to five years, according to its website.

Wetlands

The McKinleyville Town Center extends from Railroad Drive to Heartwood Drive and from McKinleyville Avenue to the east side of Pierson Park. Portions of the Town Center are fully developed. The largest undeveloped area is behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center and south of Hiller Road.

A major limiting factor to development is wetlands. The conceptual design includes two large wetland and open space areas. One is located on the west side of the property



MAD RIVER UNION GRAPHIC USING MAP BY KASH BOODJEH

near McKinleyville Avenue and includes what's known as the Pierson Pond. The other wetland area is a swath that extends north to south through the middle of the property.

In order provide a commercial area behind the shopping center, the conceptual design shows an area of wetlands that would be filled. The wetland loss would be have to be mitigated, with perhaps a wetland twice the size of the one being filled constructed near the Pierson Pond.

‘A lot of unknowns’

Anne Pierson, whose family owns the property, urged the committee to keep the plans “fluid” and “organic.”

Pierson stressed that the future of retail is uncertain. “Post COVID, we really

don't know how things are going to change,” Pierson said. “There are a lot of unknowns going on now.”

The conceptual design shows 16.5 acres of open space, 23.13 acres of retail and mixed use and 16.3 acres of residential property, which could be built out with 244 to 355 units.

During public comments, Bonnie McGregor said the plan has too much residential development. She said she would like to see more open space.

McGregor said the committee should not forget the vision of the Town Center called for in the McKinleyville Community Plan. “The whole purpose of the community plan was to bring people together,” McGregor said.

Dennis Mayo said that

people should keep in mind that Pierson Park is part of the McKinleyville Town Center. “A lot of the amenities we want are already there,” Mayo said.

The McKMAC will further discuss the McKinleyville Town Center at its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 13 and again on Wednesday, Jan. 27. A draft ordinance may be reviewed in February.

“That's a work in progress,” said Senior Planner Michael Richardson about the ordinance.

MCSD MEETING The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors will meet today, Jan. 6 to consider approval of a right-of-entry agreement with the Humboldt Skatepark Collective for the construction of a BMX track on district property at School Road and Washington Avenue. The board will also consider approving an application for a state grant to help fund park construction.

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ENROLLMENT IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY!

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Malachi and Rollo have a lot of living to do – with you

Week 41. Here’s hoping your 2021 got off to a good start. We took our family and dog pack to the Trinity Alps for the New Year. The dogs had a blast in the snow but one of the best things was no fireworks or gunshots at midnight!

An update from last week: our buddy Jake has moved up to the Adoptable Wing after demonstrating what a good boy he can be and Cali was adopted on New Year’s Eve!

The number of dogs at the shelter has been slowly rising, due in part to several short weeks due to the holidays. Dogs that come in to the shelter need to be held for four business days before they can be put up for adoption and a three-day work week can stretch those four business days out to 10 days. Keep watching *petharbor.com* as there should be new pups in Adoptables as they come off of their legal hold.

One of our adoptable dogs is

the beautiful Malachi. Malachi was trapped as a stray back at the beginning of November near Dinsmore. He had a partly healed broken hind leg. The vet recommended an amputation as it looked like it would give him a lot of problems otherwise.

When Malachi went to his pre-op appointment, it was discovered that he was actually healing up well and the amputation wasn’t needed! Good news for Malachi and also for the Emergency Medical Fund.

Volunteers who walk him now say they didn’t even know that he had been injured. Malachi is easy to walk and likes to stay close to his person. In the play yard he likes to sniff and explore and then come back for pets and attention. His beautiful cream and grey coat invites petting! He doesn’t seem to have much formal training



❖ DOGTOWN Mara Segal

but he is a nicely mannered dog that should be receptive to direction. The shelter lists him as a three-year-old German Shepherd mix. Malachi is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.

Another nice fellow that came to the shelter in early December is our buddy Rollo. Rollo was an owned dog but his person is not able to take him back due to circumstances outside of Rollo’s control.

The shelter lists Rollo as a Pit Bull Terrier mix and our handsome brindle-coated boy is eager to show his new adopter what a good companion he can be. He is considered a senior at 9 years old but he still has plenty of life left in him!

Rollo has been quite popular with the ladies as he is such an easy-going guy. Little Bluey is totally in love with him. In the play

yard he has a relaxed style of play with other dogs and is also quite a good fetcher. He enjoys playing with toys and has a cute little howl sound that he makes when he is happy. The Rollo joke is that he can say his own name!

Rollo is good on the leash, knows quite a few commands and is curious and interested in what is going on around him. Like



Rollo



Malachi

Malachi, Rollo is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.

Both Malachi and Rollo are available now at Humboldt County Animal Shelter. If you would like to meet them, please call the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment. The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and appointments are required.

Creamery | Homeless could help

❖ FROM PAGE 1

It was hundreds (at least 800) of pieces of jewelry. Roughly 500 sterling silver rings, plus pendants, earrings, bracelets, necklaces even nose pins and lots of vintage jewelry. Pretty much wiped us out. In six minutes.”

Paul said the robbery was demoralizing. “Coming on the tail-end of an already trying year for small business this has been beyond devastating for us,” she said. “It’s many many thousands; 20 years build-

ing this inventory... It feels like I’m back to square one in some ways.”

Zoom session

Last week, members of the Creamery District, Arcata Police and others participated in a Zoom meeting to discuss options for a response to the crime wave.

In addition to the two above break-ins, the Bang Bang Vintage/Consignment shop was robbed, and a number of other petty thefts have occurred. Area businesspeople report sketchy individuals hanging

out around the building.

APD Sgt. Brian Hoffman said that since no one is jailed over property crimes any more, “there’s currently no repercussions for people to stop this behavior. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Humboldt County Jail only books those charged with violent felonies, domestic abuse and public drunkenness.”

Hoffman said that the perpetrators tend to be meth and heroin users. “It’s probably a small amount of people, but they’re prolific,” he



NIGHT CAPER Above left, two people recorded inside the Clothing Dock the night of the burglary. Right, a distinctive garment stolen that night. Below, just some of the jewelry that was stolen in the debilitating burglary. PHOTOS VIA CLOTHING DOCK

said. Even when caught, the suspects are just “cited out” and go back to the business of plunder as usual.

Darlene Spoor, executive director of Arcata House Partnership, said that following incidents of mischief at the Ninth Street Annex by the Transit Center, her organization allows a couple of homeless individuals to camp in the area at night. Their role is to act as passive night watchpersons, and alert authorities should anything untoward crop up.

Spoor suggested something similar might work at the Old Creamery and area businesses. “Maybe that’s something that we could do to work with you guys,” she said. “Figure out a place where people could pitch a tent at night and make sure they’re gone at 8 in the morning... and there’s a presence there.”



Hoffman said “a lot of small businesses” make similar arrangements with homeless individuals, “and they basically hold security duty at night. If you can find the right person to do it, it does work.”

Craig Kurumanda suggested motion-sensing lights in strategic places, encouraging people to walk their dogs, exercise and hold

meetings, plus timed internal lights “to make the district look more inhabited” and disrupt wrongdoers.

Jackie Dandeneau, Arcata Playhouse executive/ artistic director, suggested pooling funds to assist burglary-stricken business with paying their insurance deductibles. She also liked the idea of allowing houseless persons to car camp in the area and keep watch.

Spoor offered support for the homeless night watch notion. “If people think that it makes sense to have one of your friendly neighborhood transients to kind of be there, I can provide tents, I can provide blankets, I can provide food to whoever is that person or people or group of people you may select to try to be the ‘eyes of the evening,’” she said. “If it works, this might be just a wonderful opportunity to start changing the way people who are homeless are seen.”

Hoffman said homeless people who do this kind of duty “are very protective of the property” and appreciate the hassle-free lodging. “If you can find the right person, it does work,” he said.

Spoor said AHP could assist with placement of qualified homeless persons.

Paul said she was willing to consider the idea for her business.

The group also discussed use of Facebook and Nextdoor for online sharing of information on incidents and suspects.

Hoffman said “sometimes you’ve gotta think outside the box and it’s all in the person who you get.”

The group plans to continue to meet and develop that and other ideas.

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OPINION

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Start your 2021 with wise insights from our brilliant readers

Mask up, it's easy

I think we must have a good bus system for a rural area, a most valiant one in fact, that keeps running even though we have few riders. I ventured to ride Arcata transit a couple of weeks ago because I want to support our continuing to have a bus system even though I have both a car and a bicycle. Unfortunately, there was a rider who did not cover his nose with his mask. I walked the three miles home.

Now it happens that my car needs a transmission and affording that, and investing in this old car is not worth it, according to my mechanic. I could actually get along OK without a car, but I clean house for an elder and can't risk exposing to COVID. And for that matter, at 71, I am an elder myself.

Walking home from our local grocery I passed two maskless folks and one was complaining about being expected to follow rules.

Come on, folks. I wear a mask when I walk or bike somewhere. Ridiculous, I hear the anti-maskers saying.

IT IS NO DAMN BIG DEAL TO WEAR IT IN A POSITION TO PULL IT UP WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE APPROACHING. I MEAN GEEZ! COME ON.

Rump and Giuliani both got cured of the plague. So hey, it's just a little flu? 335,000 people dead. Right. Everybody and his hound dog has \$1,000,000 to spend in four days for the "cure."

Your mask protects me. My mask protects you. Sore ears? Fix the straps so they go behind your head instead. Difficulty breathing? A lighter mask allows adequate breathing and limits the spread of the virus-carrying moisture that comes out of all of us. Think Rumop is some kind of demi-god? What I think of that can't be printed.

Naomi Silvertree
Arcata

The Arcata House difference

Wow!

In 2020 we reinvented ourselves three full times and made dozens of adjustments to our service offerings and processes. We have been able to stay safe while providing the best (albeit limited) service we could. And with all of that we have been committed to continuous improvement.

❖ LETTERS

We have served more people than ever before. Just look at these numbers!

In 2020 Arcata House Partnership (AHP) provided

- \$318,842 in rental support
- 48,806 meals/snacks
- 14,678 shelter bed nights
- 23,420 hours of case management
- 3,083 referrals to partner agencies

As if that wasn't good enough... we have been fortunate to retain staff who are committed to our mission and we have attracted equally amazing people to join our team.

We have been leaders in service to people who are homeless or hungry. We managed a pilot program for the tent lots with great success (and a lot of stress), we are managing Project Roomkey (one of three in the county) with great success, we are preparing to open the trailers that the governor sent, we were awarded a Project Homekey program for long-term housing, we changed how we provide support to people on the street so we can provide for basic needs, and we have increased the number of housing vouchers we have available to offer.

Our donors came through in record numbers and for that I thank you for believing in us and in the work we do for the community. We have welcomed new partners who are equally committed to being of service to our neediest citizens.

As we close 2020 I'd like to share how I will remember this year. Here is who we at AHP are:

WE SHOW UP
WE DO OUR PART
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I am ending the year feeling grateful that we could offer the amount of service that we did. I am grateful to be working on a team of professionals who believe that we do make a difference. That there are many things that still need to be done but we did what we could. And above all, I am full of joy that we have impacted so many people's lives in such a positive way. We could not have done this without you, our staff and partners who always walk side-by-side with me as we make a difference.

Thank you,
Darlene A. Spoor, Ed.D.
Executive Director, Arcata House Partnership
Arcata

The lame in lame duck

A Lame Duck is "In the literal sense, the term refers to a duck which is unable to keep up with its flock, making it a target for predators" or "one that is weak or that falls behind in ability or achievement."

The transition time in any administration is know as the "lame duck session." In the United States it is typically the time when a president and Congress clear up left over business, try to push legislation, or worse, unfulfilled campaign promises. Presidents often give out pardons and issue executive orders that will simply be undone after January 20. It is generally considered a time of "orderly transition" of power. We in the United States have always been proud of the ability of our elected officials to pull this off.

And now we come to Trump. He has actively encouraged departments in the government from cooperating with the incoming administration. Some how he thinks that these delaying tactics will change the outcome of the election, make him president again and make all his wishes come true. Hate to tell you Donald, it won't.

I have never been convinced that this pantomime has been anything more than a ploy to raise money on his way out the door. He does have that pesky \$423 million balloon payment due in January. Anyone that indebted needs a way to walk away with some cash. Please remember that the way the Supreme Court gutted the election finance reforms allowing candidates to KEEP all the money left over in their PACS. The candidate can spend this money any way he or she wants, there are no longer any limits.

But then we come to the latest boondoggle. Really, what was the point? We all know that anyone who has been harmed by Trump voted against him. And now he perpetrates the greatest harm to the greatest number of people. For what reason? He was going to send the Omnibus Bill and COVID-19 Relief Bill with changes. Does anyone believe he read the bill? It is over 5,100 pages long. He does not read and has the attention span of a gerbil, so whose idea was this move?

The evil in this move is even beyond Mitch McConnell, at least I hope so, or the people of Kentucky are truly horrible or truly stupid to let this man represent them in Congress and to the rest of the world. So, there must be another actor at work. We have had Henry Kissinger, Dick Cheney, John Mitchell, Robert Schultz and even

Robert McNamara but these players were out in the open. In Trump's administration he has had bad actors behind the scene, so who is left. I think it is important to find this person and cripple them, maybe not literally, but in a way so that we never have to be subject to such horrors again.

Trump finally signed the bill, on the eve of votes in the House of Representative to override his veto of the National Defense Authorization Act. Now comes word that one of the Republican crooks running for Senate in Georgia urged the president to sign the bill. Does anyone really believe that? How much money did Trump raise in the week he delayed the signing? Is he going to donate that money to the starving and dying? One of the talking heads this morning compared Trump to Marie Antionette. I think that is a disservice done to the Queen of France who is famous for saying "let them eat cake."

Another comparison this week is Trump to King Lear. That is a horrible thing to say about the work of one of the most important writers in the English language. It is almost over. Remember, "'tis a tale told by idiots, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Thank you for listening,
Jan Phelps
Arcata

The show must go on

The show must go on! And we would like to thank the members of Dell'Arte and KEET-T.V. for what has become a holiday tradition in our family.

Watching the premier of *Hansel and Gretel*, it reminded us of the wonderment we are so fortunate and blessed to have in Humboldt County. Dustin Curry as "The Witch" was extraordinary and reminiscent of two of my favorite comedic actors, John Belushi and Jack Black.

The sets were witty, including the modernized inside and out of the witch's abode and locally made bread was noted as the source of crumbs scattered in the forest. The rocking musical number was well done, too!

In these trying times, let us be aware of those who bring sunshine into our lives and offer our support. I am thankful to live in a place where the arts are greatly celebrated. I appreciate Dell'Arte for making our holidays brighter!

Mairead Dodd
Eureka

Varying grades of chicanery to suit any malefactor's ambition and budget

• **Wednesday, December 9 1:33-1:35 p.m.** Early-mid afternoon time is guest-refusing-to-leave-his-budget-motel-room-so-better-call-the-cops time.

• **Thursday, December 10 12:08 p.m.** A thin fellow in a black vest trod about in circles at an Alliance Road apartment complex, importuning random passersby for druggitty drug-drugs. "I say, good sir," he posited in a crisp Mid-Atlantic accent with an impish half-smile, smartly sheathing his riding crop and polishing his monocle with a corner of his waistcoat. [*Embellishment alert - Ed.*] "Might you be disposed to share any mind-altering potions, tinctures, balms, poultices or other zesty admixtures dwelling unused in your personal armamentarium, with which one might filigree one's febrile brainpan?" Which is probably what he meant when he grunted something like, "Dood, got'ny weed?" And when he begged the wrong rando with this nuanced repartee, heavy-lidded eyes bearing different-size pupils glowering balefully at the stranger, cops were called.

9:18 p.m. A brown-vested, bag-festooned bloke used a Uniontown supermarket's restroom as a bath house, and it's not that. His contrite reaction to employee objections was to hurl grocery items about the store.

• **Friday, December 11 1:13 a.m.** A man knocking at Janes Court front door may have been covered in a white blanket or towel, but at least he was mumbling to himself. And yet the resident still wouldn't open the door.

12:14 p.m. Furtive activity of this sort is probably best performed not on a busy street during the

noon hour, but the guy toiling at the pink and white house by the bank wasn't necessarily governed by conventional logic. A witness said he dug a hole by the two pear tress, then buried *something* and covered the mound with branches.

4:03 p.m. When roommates resort to communicating via the taking of protest dumps in the hallway, it's probably not long until police become involved. Such was the scenario on G Street, where a man wouldn't let his cohabitant into the bathroom while he was shaving. Her pending usage was rather more urgent, though, and to underscore this point, she pooped outside his bedroom door. He took pics of the pooprotest to save any subsequent investigators from having to dust for turds, then cleaned it up and called APD.

• **Saturday, December 12 2:16 p.m.** Sidewalk slumbers upped their walk-blocking game by getting up off the ground and setting up chairs outside an H Street business, risking nosebleeds in order to attain new heights of leisure. Alas, the use of sitting machines pushed any stodgy traditionalists interested in using the sidewalk for actual, you know, *walking*, to detour out into the street. In a blow to their R&D department's bold new chair initiative, the seat-about were moved along.

4:09 p.m. Guttersnipe gladiators clashed on the Plaza, one using a trash can lid as a shield.

4:17 p.m. It falls to future historians skilled in adverb forensics to ascertain whether the person

described as "knocking hardly" on an 11th Street door was doing so in a hard way, or hardly at all.

• **Sunday, December 7:52 a.m.** A behoodied man at the Plaza's center bellowed and blithered, punctuating the blurtage with some impressive yet entirely pointless trash tossing.

4:22 p.m. Emanating from a large homeless encampment between Samoa Boulevard and the Marsh's brackish pond were a woman's cries for help and several men telling her to shut up, in doing so basically encapsulating all of human history.

4:57 p.m. A woman was seen fleeing the Marsh near a bird blind by the train tracks on South I Street, saying she had just been assaulted.

• **Monday, December 14 4 a.m.** A cat burglar entered a Valley West mini-mart in the dead of night, gaming its impenetrable security system by lowering themselves in through the ceiling and sinuously threading the geometric matrix of laser beams and robo-guns enshrouding the antacid display. [*Embellishment alert - Ed.*] Despite the *Mission Impossible*-grade heist and pending a thorough Tums inventory, a mart worker couldn't tell whether anything had been stolen.

5:17 p.m. A Bayside Roader described a comparably elaborate scheme, the goal of which was to poison her. The woman's diabolical ex was said to be poking needles up through the floor to spray "chemicals" on her as she slept.

6:44 p.m. Wrongdoers of lesser ambition and lower chicanery

budget simply-spray painted an "F" word on the hood of a Van Dyke Court resident's car hood.

9:14 a.m. Someone abandoned two cats, left in a tarp-covered carrier at Foster and Sunset avenues.

10:28 a.m. The insensate interloper who walks around Valley West blasting music from a portable speaker chose a credit union driveway for a morning plop 'n' impede. There, luxuriating in the faux empowerment of the moment, he blocked traffic while refusing requests to leave.

10:31 a.m. Startled by a dog, a Fickle Hill Road cat bit someone on the finger.

4:37 p.m. One guy's side of the story was that after he slowed down to avoid hitting someone's dogs on South G Street, the dog owner became angry and yelled, even to the point of inducing fear of retaliation. But odds are that the other guy's version casts him as the wronged action hero/victim.

5:09 p.m. A Northtowner said his ex-wife somehow got into his apartment and stole some stuff. He said he just saw her with his property at a nearby bus stop.

5:22 p.m. An "irate" woman reported that her ex-husband had just assaulted her at a Northtown bus stop, and that her sister had captured it on video.

8:50 p.m. A man in a blue jacket grabbed a glass bong and ran out of an H Street store, the incident recorded on video.

• **Wednesday, December 16 12:59 p.m.** A Stewart Avenue resident was said to be allowing her 11ish-year-old son drive her pickup truck, which was now broken down nearby and its camper shell also having fallen off.

• **Thursday, December 17 10:47 a.m.** A G Street car window was smashed and someone's saxophone taken.

2:26 p.m. Science tells us that the only known faster-than-light phenomena in the universe are hypothetical tachyons and the speed at which a slithy tove removes purses, wallets and debit/credit cards from an unlocked vehicle. The latest victim, on 24th Street, discovered and immediately reported the theft, but the tachyon-tove had already squandered her funds on toys and candy.

• **Friday, December 18 11:46 a.m.** A woman wearing a "costume wolf hat" in a G Street store apparently considered a face mask too exotic of a fashion tragedy, and refused to put one on.

12:26 p.m. A man called from a 12th Street apartment's bathroom, in which he had locked himself after an argument with his girlfriend.

12:26 p.m. A woman called from a 12th Street apartment asking for help in removing her boyfriend from the bathroom.

5:26 p.m. A man handed a bank teller a note demanding money and mentioning a weapon, but left without cash or violence. The unharmed employees then locked themselves inside and called police.

• **Saturday, December 19 8:02 p.m.** A Valley West laundromat user refused to wear a mask, likely in response to some shiny Internet balderdash or other. He punished a man who did acknowledge biology, courtesy and personal responsibility and who had objected to the exposure by hurling a metal laundry basket at him. The maskhole is never to show his face, unmasked or otherwise, there again.



SCENE



Creativity & Perseverance

Humboldt State Press publishes new novels by local authors

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Two women met 17 years ago in a creative writing class. Since then there have been births and deaths, life changing relationships starting and ending, despair and frustration, and that horrid question: Why am I bothering to try to write?

Through it all they have supported each other, as tough critics and encouraging friends.

Now Kathy Wollenberg and Lelia Moskowitz have achieved that writer's bliss: their novels are published.

Humboldt State University Press, which has an interest in fiction with local settings, has published Moskowitz's *Growland* and Wollenberg's *Far Less*.

It's a tribute to each writer's perseverance.

(Full disclosure: this writer has proofread each manuscript at least three times, perhaps more, over the years.)

Trinidad's self-proclaimed Comma Queen, the late Darlene Marlow, was a tough taskmaster to both writers. For several years, she ran a writers' group and dealt each cliché and punctuation error a quick but merciful death blow.



LOCAL WRITERS Kathy Wollenberg, left, with her book *Far Less* and Lelia Moskowitz with her book, *Growland*.

JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

Wollenberg said her daughter Elena was an inspiration to her in writing *Far Less*, which tells the story of Jesse, a 17-year-old homeless boy. "I came up with the idea when she was in eighth grade and started writing it when she was a sophomore," Wollenberg said.

Elena was making origami earrings to sell so that she could buy large bags of dog food. She'd package the food into smaller bags and hand them out to homeless folks for their dogs.

"She was invited to interview Betty Chinn for school," Wollenberg explained, "and she was nervous. I suggested that she ask Betty about a typical day. Betty told her that

she had just gotten a nice sleeping bag donated and was going to give it to a boy who was 16. I couldn't get that boy out of my mind," Wollenberg added.

Wollenberg's son, Larkin, was also an inspiration for her main character's tree climbing. "The kids were climbing tall trees way before I wanted them to," she said. "All the shenanigans that Jesse does are inspired by Larkin."

On publication, Elena sent her mother a text: "Mom, I think I've been reading this book my whole life."

Moskowitz's children have also been supportive of her book, *Growland*. "My eldest daughter, Tia, designed the font for the cover, the back cover, and the spine. She helped with the layout for the photos. My son, Louie, contributed 18 original photographs," she said. *Growland* is set in Southern Humboldt.

Wollenberg wrote most of her book in her van, waiting for her children at sports practice or play practice. "I'm learning how to write at home now," she said, smiling. "In the van or in the theater, I could get some pages done. There are distractions at home, like clean the fridge... In the van, there was a whole chunk of time." Wollenberg also credited having the pressure of pages due for writers' group as an impetus.

Both books have been published under the imprint of Humboldt State University. "Our main field of publication is non-fiction," Kyle Morgan said. Morgan is the scholarly communications librarian at HSU. "Kathy and Lelia's books capture the culture of the area. It's wonderful to be able to help them make their works available," he added.

"Kyle is the wonderful man who said yes to us," Moskowitz said. "At 62 to have a book published, I'm so happy and so lucky," she added.

What's next for these two writers? Moskowitz explained. "We're out of the region and we're both doing ghosts."

Wollenberg chimed in. "You can't get away with it in a conversation but you can pull it off in a novel."

See book reviews of each book, below.
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❖ BOOK REVIEW

Living in Arcata Community Forest

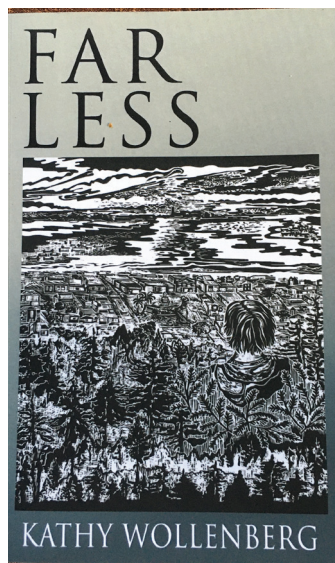
Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – By the time you've read the first chapter of *Far Less*, a novel by Kathy Wollenberg (Humboldt State University Press), you will find yourself rooting for the main character, a homeless 17-year-old boy named Jesse.

Jesse is brave and bright, strong and resilient. He needs to be, because he lives in the Arcata Community Forest with his drug-addled mother and his six-year-old sister, Lizzie. Jesse gets Lizzie to school on time by jogging down the hill with her on his back and then gets himself to high school where no one knows he is homeless.

His girlfriend startles him when she comments on his smell. "The campfire smell. You always remind me of summer and camping," she says.

He scrounges fruit and energy bars from the cafeteria for his sister, figures out how to take showers at



the university, and works hard to keep his sister clean and safe. He dreads being separated from her if the authorities help them and put her into foster care.

The supporting characters are well drawn and believable. Jesse relies on an older veteran who lives in a tree stump with two dogs; he is encouraged in his nature studies by a professor he meets in the library. These two positive male figures are offset in the narrative by his mother and her boyfriend, a

scamming Occupy activist.

Jesse's feelings for his mother, who lets them down, time after time, are complex and well portrayed. This is a novel of contrasts but it's also a novel of tremendous reality. We can see the dirt under the siblings' fingernails and smell the sour milk odor of a little girl's hair who sleeps rough. We also see the pain in their hearts when their mother's continual failure to care for them, even minimally, gets them into difficulties and danger.

The high school students are well drawn and a girl who discovers Jesse's secret is particularly appealing. Others in the cast of characters are social workers, teachers, and his mother's kind sister.

As a character, Jesse takes the reader to a place of wonder and beauty during his daily tree climbs. When Jesse was 11, a former boyfriend of his mother's taught him to climb and to learn everything he could about the forest. It's an important part of Jesse's character: the free-climbs into 100-foot-tall redwoods and his discovery of a rare salamander. The heights lift him above the squalor of his life and into intellectual heights as well.

Read this tough and touching first novel. You'll come away with a heightened compassion and a sense of a young man's joy.

Jesse is not a perfect kid – he's a teenager after all – and some of his mistakes will make the reader squirm. But he's a remarkable character, one who will stay in your imagination long after you've read the last page.

❖ BOOK REVIEW

Inside the SoHum grow scene

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

Lelia Moskowitz has written a novel that beats all. Sure, there have been other books, other novels, films, and Netflix series about the marijuana scene in Southern Humboldt. But her new book, *Growland*, (Humboldt State University Press) puts all those other efforts in the shade.

Growland tells a story that jumps off the page like a skydiver, like a bungee jumper, like a cliffside high diver in Mexico. Moskowitz has got the magic: the energy, the language, the arc of the story, the unique neighborhood that is Southern Humboldt, all combined in the journey of a woman and her two daughters from the big city to the country.

Moskowitz has crafted a fine novel. The writing shines like the stars in a deep velvet night where no electric lights can dim the experience. Her characters, both major and the walk-ons, all ring true. Her dialogue is witty and terse at times; sometimes it is lyrical.

But above all, it's funny. A scene at a party with three women peeing off a balcony with no railings is hilarious. A Dol-

ly Parton-gone-bad character who runs a tavern makes the reader beg for more. Conversations among growers at the bar make the reader laugh out loud. That one of the growers has clouds tattooed all over his bald head just adds to the ambience. Moskowitz's casting is word-perfect.

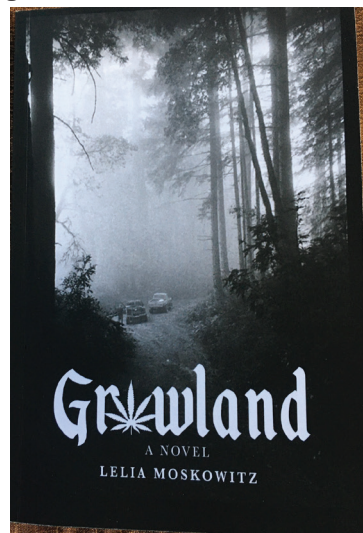
Her main character, Celeste, is a 44-year-old woman who has bundled her two daughters into her car and fled Los Angeles and a disaster of a marriage.

She seeks refuge with an old boyfriend who homesteads in the hills above Garberville. His family and friends welcome her and things happen: a romance, a murder, a rip-off.

But the real charm of the novel is Celeste's transformation into a member of the community.

She likens her work with other women in the trim shack to an old-fashioned quilting bee. She helps organize a memorial service for yet another young man killed. She participates in a Blessing Way. She enjoys her kids' happiness with horseback rides, long days at the river, and making friends.

When tragedy happens, she has become so much a part of the life that it rips her world apart. Moskowitz has done it. Can't wait for the film adaptation of this very fine piece of writing.



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Breast and GYN Health Project provides free services

Bayside doesn't have a lot of infrastructure. We don't have a plaza or shopping. But we have people. Lots of really interesting people who do important things in the greater community.

Rose Gale-Zoellick is one of those people. She and her husband, Jim, bought their Bayside home, just a few doors from the corners, 23 years ago. Rose says the neighborhood, the rolling hills and the cows remind her of Vermont, where she grew up. "I love the sense of small town community,,, I enjoy walking along Old Arcata Road past Jacoby Creek School overlooking the Bay each morning.. and enjoy greeting my neighbors who also walk at that time."



BAYSIDE CORNERS Carolyn Jones

executive director of the Breast and GYN Health Project (BGHP), a non-profit, 100 percent local, resource center that provides support and education for individuals facing breast or gynecologic cancer concerns. BGHP's small staff and dedicated corps of volunteers (many of whom are cancer survivors) are based in Arcata, just across from the Co-op, and they provide services which help people navigate the confusing and often overwhelming barrage of information and decision-making that accompanies a cancer diagnosis.

They do this in many ways. The Warmline has volunteers available to listen, answer questions and provide referrals. The Patient Navigator Program supports



THREE AMIGOS from the BGHP say thank you to the community! Executive Director Rose Gale-Zoellick is at the right.

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and guides clients through the whole process of cancer diagnosis, screening and treatment. Consultation Planning prepares them to make the most of their medical appointments. Support Groups provide an opportunity to meet and share with others.

Amazingly, all services are 100 percent free of charge and focused on the unique circumstances and

needs of each individual patient. And they are paid for almost entirely by fundraising within our community. Neighbors helping neighbors.

Throughout the COVID pandemic, the BGHP has continued to provide its full range of services, adopting remote technologies as needed. But the pandemic has impacted how people are seeking

care. As of the end of October, the project saw a 40 percent drop in new clients seeking support, and there is concern that many people are delaying or skipping preventive health care appointments, including cancer screening like pap tests and mammograms.

But Rose is quite clear: "We want community members to call us if you are facing a breast or gynecologic cancer concern or diagnosis. BGHP is here for people facing cancer or cancer concerns, and we are independent of the medical system."

So maybe that's a good New Year's Resolution. Make sure you are up to date on your health checks, make an appointment if you aren't, and call if you have questions. The BGHP's phone number is (707) 825-8345.

As always, send any thoughts, comments or Bayside news to baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00625 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: honeycomb coffee 431 1ST. AVE. BLUE LAKE, CA 95525 P.O. BOX 397 BLUE LAKE, CA 95525 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT KEIKO SUGATA 449 GREENWOOD ROAD BLUE LAKE, CA 95525 CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL S/KEIKO SUGATA OWNER/OPERATOR This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 18, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS TN, DEPUTY CLERK 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00535 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SPIRE RIDGE FARMS LLC HEAD OVER HEELS, LLC 5065 BOYD RD. UNIT F ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 1174 BLUE LAKE, CA 95524 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HUMBOLDT HEALS CA3857119 1810 RIVER ACCESS RD. WILLOW CREEK, CA 95573 CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION S/TIM BUSMAN CEO This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 28, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS SC, DEPUTY CLERK 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 20-00605 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: LOST COAST PLASTICS 960 I ST. APT. C ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT LOST COAST PLASTICS LLC CA 202024710086 960 I ST. APT. C ARCATA, CA 95521 CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY S/MATTHEW CENDEJAS CEO This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 9, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS SC, DEPUTY CLERK 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME KAMBRIA JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2001270 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: GRACEN ARWELL COLLINS to Proposed name: GRACEN ARWELL COLLINS-JOHNSON; Present name: RYLER JAMES COLLINS to Proposed name: RYLER JAMES COLLINS-JOHNSON; 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the peti-

tion without a hearing. Date: JAN. 15, 2021 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4 For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/. 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: DEC. 1, 2020 KELLY L. NEEL Judge of the Superior Court 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OLIVIA G. LOZANO CASE NO.: PR2000308 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: OLIVIA G. LOZANO, aka OLIVIA GLORIA LOZANO A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL LOZANO in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL LOZANO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: JANUARY 21, 2021 Time: 2:00 PM Dept.: 6 Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. THIS HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE AND MAY BE ATTENDED THROUGH ZOOM. COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE ACCESSED ON THE COURT'S WEBSITE AT https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined

in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may

file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: ARTHUR NIELSEN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 12/30, 1/6, 1/13

CITATION FOR PUBLIC UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294 Case Name: Aviana Pittman Case No. JV2000129 1. To: SARA FULLER and JOEL PITTMAN, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Aviana Pittman born on 08/21/2020, at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California. 2. A hearing will be held

on March 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor. 3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer. 4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommen-

dation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated. 5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you. 6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final. 7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.

ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES JEFFERSON BILLINGSLEY, COUNTY COUNSEL #233776 KATIE BACA, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #188031 825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 445-7236 DATE: December 29, 2020 Kim M. Bartleson, Clerk, by Vickie L., Deputy 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

T.S. No.: 2019-02163-CA A.P.N.: 005-074-010-000 Property Address: 1915 I STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501

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Trustor: Jeanne Haislip, an unmarried woman

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC

Deed of Trust Recorded 05/13/2005 as Instrument No. 2005-15710-17 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California,

Date of Sale: 02/01/2021 at 10:00 AM

Place of Sale: FRONT ENTRANCE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 256,171.90

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All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

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A.P.N.: 005-074-010-000

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C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237

Ventura, CA 93003

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Date: December 11, 2020 Trustee Sale Assistant

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Trustor: HAROLD D GEORGE, A SINGLE MAN, AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST AND EDWARD M MITCHELL JR, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SEPARATE PROPERTY AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC

Deed of Trust Recorded 09/30/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-32954-24 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California,

Date of Sale: 02/01/2021 at 10:00 AM

Place of Sale: FRONT ENTRANCE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 825 5TH STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 600,626.96

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New parents and babies will enjoy baby blanket time and guided, therapeutic nature walks through the dunes and the forest with babies in arms or carriers. This group will meet Sunday, Jan. 3 through Sunday, March 28.

The Tuesday New Parents Group meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the

Mal'el Dunes on the first and third Tuesday of the month and at the Arcata Community Forest on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. New parents and babies will enjoy baby blanket time and guided, therapeutic nature walks through the dunes and the forest with babies in arms or carriers, and this group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 5 through Tuesday, March 30.

The Wednesday New Parent Group meets at the Headwaters Reserve Elk River Trail every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. New parents and babies will enjoy baby blanket time and guided, therapeutic nature walks through the forest with babies in strollers or carriers. This group will meet Wednesday, Jan. 13 thorough Wednesday, March 17.

Precautions will be in place to ensure compliance with state and county COVID-19 health and safety regulations. Face coverings, physical distancing and other health and safety protocols are required for all staff and participants, and additional time will be taken for wellness screenings. Families who have traveled, had visitors from out of the area or possibly been exposed to COVID-19 must wait 14 days before attending.

Participation in these groups is free thanks to funding by the First 5 Humboldt. Registration is limited to five families with infants aged 0 to 1 year per session, and pre-registration is required by visiting cityofarcata.org/rec or by calling (707) 825-2150. For more information, visit cityofarcata.org or call (707) 822-7091.

Food for People distributes food-only gift cards

FOOD FOR PEOPLE

HUMBOLDT – Coronavirus relief comes to Humboldt in the form of food-only gift cards. Throughout December Food for People, the Food Bank for Humboldt County, has been distributing \$25 gift cards, providing additional assistance to those in need this holiday season.

Since the pandemic began the need for food assistance has grown drastically prompting the government to provide aid. This December, Food for People was informed that Humboldt County's allocation of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) would be more than

\$321,000 and they would have three weeks to spend these funds before they would be withdrawn.

"There was no way we could purchase and store that quantity of food in such a short amount of time, so our solution was to work with several local grocery stores to create food-only grocery store gift cards that we could pass along to the people served by Food for People and several of our community partners. It has been a wonderful way to support local businesses and provide a little extra boost for people who are struggling right now," said Anne Holcomb, Food for People executive di-



PEOPLE FOR FOOD Food for People volunteers Tamara and Klara with gift cards and food that was offered via distributions.

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to those in need throughout Humboldt County.

To find the program or pantry location best fitted for you visit foodforpeople.org.

For those looking to help, financial donations are currently the best way to support hunger relief in our community. Those interested in volunteering can fill out the Volunteer Response Team form. Visit foodforpeople.org to help!

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